

Friends of the Greenway

Mission Statement

The Friends of the Greenway (FOG) exists to aid the Murfreesboro Parks and Recreation Department in achieving the goals and objectives of the Murfreesboro Greenway System. These natural and historically significant areas are available for all citizens and visitors to fully enjoy now and in the future.

Goals of the Murfreesboro Greenway System

I. Recreation

To provide safe recreation trails and various recreational opportunities along the Murfreesboro Greenways. To provide multi-use, non-motorized paths for a variety of users including bicyclists, pedestrians, runners, rollerbladers and the physically challenged, both land-based and river-oriented.

FOG:

- to plan fitness walks
- to plan workshops for rollerbladers
- to plan special events for senior citizens and the physically challenged

II. Transportation

To implement a safe, efficient, convenient and well-used city network of bikeways and walkways for visitors and the people of Murfreesboro and Rutherford County.

FOG:

- to begin a FOG patrol and provide training and orientation

III. Environmental Education

To provide areas in the community where people can experience natural habitat and enjoy urban wildlife, natural vegetation, rivers, streams and wetland areas in an outdoor classroom setting.

FOG:

- to provide printed educational material about the Greenway to area schools
- to provide environmental and ecology workshops for area teachers

IV. Beautification

To rehabilitate the areas around the waterways and wetlands, making them environmentally-healthy, accessible and aesthetically-pleasing while integrating them into the park system.

FOG:

- to assist with other beautification projects
- to re-introduce wild flowers to the area

V. Community Linkage

To connect people and their neighborhoods with businesses by striving to achieve common goals through volunteerism.

FOG:

- to provide print material about the Greenway and its various programs to the public
- establish a world-wide web home page
- provide a phone line to announce upcoming events

VI. Fundraising

To help raise money to carry out the goals of the Greenway.

FOG:

- to provide a quarterly newsletter to 'Friends of the Greenway'
- host a 'Listen to the sounds of the Greenway' fundraising event